

AMENDED IN ASSEMBLY MAY 1, 2012

CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2011–12 REGULAR SESSION

**Assembly Concurrent Resolution**

**No. 126**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Charles Calderon**  
*(Coauthors: Assembly Members Achadjian, Portantino, and Smyth)*

March 13, 2012

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Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 126—Relative to the Western  
Prelacy of the Armenian Apostolic Church of America.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

ACR 126, as amended, Charles Calderon. Western Prelacy of the  
Armenian Apostolic Church of America.

This measure would request that the Department of Transportation  
erect informational signs on State Highway Route 210 in the County  
of Los Angeles directing motorists to the Western Prelacy of the  
Armenian Apostolic Church of America, consistent with the signing  
requirements for the state highway system and, upon receiving donations  
from nonstate sources sufficient to cover the cost, to erect those signs.

Fiscal committee: yes.

1 WHEREAS, The Western Prelacy of the Armenian Apostolic  
2 Church of America, which was established in 1973, serves under  
3 the jurisdiction of the Catholicosate of the Holy See of Cilicia;  
4 and

5 WHEREAS, The primary mission of the Western Prelacy is to  
6 preserve and foster the faith, heritage, traditions, culture, and  
7 religious and national values of the Armenian Apostolic Church,  
8 and to provide spiritual guidance to over one million Armenian

1 Americans in California, Nevada, Colorado, Utah, Oregon,  
2 Arizona, and beyond; and

3 WHEREAS, From the Western Prelacy headquarters, the prelate  
4 and religious and executive councils oversee the day-to-day  
5 activities of the churches and schools, providing ~~the~~ necessary  
6 guidance and assistance; and

7 WHEREAS, The Western Prelacy also has a network of  
8 benefactors and sponsors who, through their generous moral and  
9 financial support, contribute to the realization of the  
10 ever-expanding mission of the Western Prelacy; and

11 WHEREAS, The Western Prelacy also has a prison ministry  
12 program that offers spiritual guidance to Armenian inmates and  
13 former inmates; and

14 WHEREAS, The Western Prelacy is expected to attract motorists  
15 and tourists from all over the world; now, therefore, be it

16 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*  
17 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature recognizes the importance  
18 of the Western Prelacy of the Armenian Apostolic Church of  
19 America to the people of California, and requests that the  
20 Department of Transportation erect informational signs on the  
21 westbound portion of State Highway 210 leading to the Lowell  
22 Avenue exit, and the eastbound portion of State Highway 210  
23 leading to the La Tuna Canyon Road exit, in the county of Los  
24 Angeles, directing motorists to the Western Prelacy of the  
25 Armenian Apostolic Church of America, consistent with the  
26 signing requirements for the state highway system, and, upon  
27 receiving donations from nonstate sources sufficient to cover the  
28 cost, to erect those signs; and be it further

29 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies  
30 of this resolution to the Department of Transportation and to the  
31 author for appropriate distribution.